

engage in the local distribution of natural or artificial gas to the public may file with the Commission an application pursuant to the provisions of section 7(a) of the Natural Gas Act for an order of the Commission directing a natural gas company to extend or improve its transportation facilities, to establish physical connection of its transportation facilities with the facilities of, and sell natural gas to such person or municipality, and for such purpose to extend its transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to such facilities or to territory served by such natural gas company.

§ 156.2 Purpose and intent of rules.

(a) Applications filed pursuant to the provisions of section 7(a) of the Natural Gas Act shall contain all information necessary to advise the Commission fully concerning the applicant, the service which applicant requests the Commission to direct the natural gas company to render together with a description of any improvement or extension of facilities which the natural gas company would be required to make in connection with the rendition of the service, applicant's present and proposed operations, construction, service, and sales together with a description of any extension or improvement of facilities by applicant which would be required to enable applicant to engage in the local distribution of natural gas.

(b) Every requirement of this part shall be considered as an obligation upon the applicant which can be avoided only by a definite and positive showing that the information or data required by the applicable section of the regulations is not necessary to the consideration and ultimate determination of the application.

(c) This part will be strictly applied to all applications as submitted and the burden of adequate presentation in understandable form as well as justification for omitted data or information rests with the applicant.

(d) Under this part, the natural gas company from which applicant is seeking the service is a party respondent to the proceeding.

§ 156.3 Applications; number of copies; general requirements.

(a) *Applicable rules.* An original and 7 conformed copies of an application under this part shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission reserves the right to request additional copies. In all other respects applications shall conform to the requirements of §§ 156.1 through 156.5. Amendments to or withdrawals of applications shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of §§ 385.213 and 385.214 of this chapter.

(b) *General content of application; filing fee.* Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, each application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in part 159 of this subchapter and shall set forth the following information:

(1) The exact legal name of the applicant; the name of the natural gas company (respondent) from which applicant is seeking an extension or improvement of transportation facilities, physical connection of facilities or service of natural gas together with a concise description of the extension, improvement, physical connection of facilities or service sought from such company including the estimated volumes of natural gas involved to meet annual and maximum day requirements for the estimated first three years of proposed operation.

(2) Applicant's principal place of business; whether applicant is an individual, corporation or municipality as defined in section 2 of the Natural Gas Act; State under the laws of which applicant is incorporated, organized or authorized; and the name, title, and mailing address of the person or persons to whom communications concerning the application are to be addressed.

(3) The facts relied upon by applicant to show that the proposed extension or improvement of transportation facilities, physical connection of facilities or service and sale of natural gas are necessary or desirable in the public interest.

(4) A concise description of applicant's operations, if any, at the time the application is filed.

(5) A concise description of applicant's proposed operations, construction, service and sales together with a